

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

January 6, 2005

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 6, 2005, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Roland Touns called the meeting to order.

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER AND REAPPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Roland Touns acknowledged the recent appointment of Dr. Harold M. Stokes as a member of the Board of Regents. Mr. Touns mentioned that Dr. Stokes is a native of California and is an orthopaedic/hand surgeon who resides in New Orleans. Regent Touns introduced Mrs. Leslie Stokes, the wife of Dr. Stokes. He noted that Dr. Stokes is filling the unexpired term of Mr. William Oliver from the 2nd congressional district. Ms. Connie Koury, Assistant to the Commissioner for Desegregation and Legal Affairs, administered the oath of office to Dr. Harold Stokes.

Next, Chair Touns announced that the Governor has recently reappointed four members of the Board of Regents whose terms expired December 31, 2004. Ms. Koury administered the oaths of office to Mr. Scott Brame, Mr. Richard D'Aquin, Mr. William Clifford Smith and Mr. Artis Terrell. Their terms would now extend until December 31, 2010.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Ms. Carolyn Blanchard, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Billy Blake	W. Clinton Rasberry
Scott Brame	Virgil Robinson
Richard D' Aquin	Clifford Smith
Reggie Dupré	Harold Stokes
Frances Henry, Vice Chair	Pat Strong, Secretary
Stanley J. Jacobs	Artis Terrell
Robert Levy	Roland Toups, Chair
	Jeraul Mackey

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Toups noted that no written requests were received for public comments and inquired if the audience had any comments at this time. There were none.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2004

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 9, 2004, as circulated.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent D' Aquin, Chair of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance, presented motions from the Nominating Committee Report of January 6, 2005.

NOMINATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2005

On motion of Regent D' Aquin, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to approve the following slate of officers for 2005:

Chair
Vice Chairman:
Secretary:

Roland Toups
Frances Henry
Pat Strong

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2005

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to unanimously approve the Executive Committee as follows for 2005:

Regent Roland Toups, Chair
Regent Frances Henry, Vice Chair
Regent Pat Strong, Secretary
Regent Scott Brame

Regent Richard D'Aquin
Regent Robert Levy
Regent Virgil Robinson

NOMINATION OF MEMBER(S) TO SERVE ON THE LOUISIANA STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (LASFAC) FOR 2005

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to approve Regent Frances Henry and Regent Pat Strong to serve as the Regents' representatives on the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) for 2005.

ADOPTION OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JANUARY 6, 2005

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Nomination Committee Report of January 6, 2005, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2005

Ms. Connie Koury administered the Oath of Office as follows:

(1) Officers for the year 2005:

Chair: Roland Toups
Vice Chairman: Frances Henry
Secretary: Pat Strong

(2) Executive Committee for the year 2005:

Roland Toups, Chairman
Frances Henry, Vice Chair
Pat Strong, Secretary
Scott Brame

Richard D'Aquin
Robert Levy
Virgil Robinson

(3) Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission

Frances Henry and Pat Strong

PRESENTATION BY KATIE ORTEGO, STUDENT MEMBER, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

Regent Toups recognized Dr. Sally Clausen, President, University of Louisiana System, who spoke briefly on the University of Louisiana System presidents' initiative to improve retention and graduation rates. She stated that the University of Louisiana System graduation rate is 19 percent below the national average. Dr. Clausen said the presidents signed an agreement and will work toward exceeding the national graduation rate by the year 2012.

Next, Dr. Clausen introduced Ms. Katie Ortego, student member of the University of Louisiana System and Student Government Association (SGA) president of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL). She said that this past fall Dr. Clausen met with all 8 student government presidents of the University of Louisiana System to discuss graduation and retention rates. Ms. Ortego spoke about a collaborative effort between the students and faculty at ULL that could positively impact the University of Louisiana's System Presidents' Graduation Rate Initiative for 2012. She demonstrated "Blackboard," a software tool for students and teachers. She said that this collaborative effort between the student government association, the Faculty Senate, and the ULL administration has resulted in "Blackboard" being implemented campus-wide effective summer 2005.

Mr. Jeraul Mackey, Student Member on the Board of Regents and SGA president from the University of New Orleans, thanked Ms. Ortego for her commitment on the behalf of the students.

Mr. Mike Abbiatti, Associate Commissioner for Information and Learning Technology, thanked the Board for its efforts in promoting higher education through technology. He applauded Ms. Ortego's efforts and appreciated her presentation.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Savoie reported on the following items:

- Recent formula discussions with the System Presidents;
- Louisiana's efforts to improve teacher quality are the best in the country according to a new report from *Education Week*, the nation's foremost K-12 education publication;
- Speech to the University of Louisiana System Presidents on January 6, 2005;
- Speech at the Louisiana Community and Technical System Board Retreat on January 12, 2005; and
- Clarification on funding issues at the January 26-27, 2005 Committee and Board meetings.

Regent Toups inquired about the January 12th workshop for the K-12 Underperforming Schools. Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, informed the Board that both Dr. James Meza, Dean, College of Education, University of New Orleans and Mr. Shannon Verrett, Principal, Pierre Capdau Charter School, had agreed to attend the workshop on January 12th. Regent Toups requested that an update be given at one of the Regents' upcoming meetings. Chair Toups also asked about the status of the draft policy on facilities. Mr. Vandal noted that it had been distributed and responses were being received. He said that final action should be taken at the end of the month.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Regent Toups adjourned the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.